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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: White House Meeting of the Legislative Interdepartmental
Group - 26 January 1972

On 26 January 1972, I attended a meeting of the LIG at 1600 hours
in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. The meeting was chaired by
General Al Haig and participants included:

National Security Council

Colonel Richard Kennedy
Mr. John Lehman
Mr. Helmut (Hal) Sonnenfeldt
Mr. James T. Hackett

White House

Mr. Thomas Korologos
Mr. Richard Cook
Mr. Fred Fielding
Mr. Larry Brody
Mr. John Russell Deane

Office of Management and Budget

Mr. William Gifford

Department of State

Mr. David Abshire
Mr. Charles Brower

Department of Defense

General James Lawrence
Mr. Stuart French

AID

Mr. Matt Harvey

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The following items were discussed:

1. The Administration feels that the <u>Foreign Aid</u> legislation which it supports should be pushed vigorously now to take advantage of the favorable congressional climate which it hopes will result from White House disclosures regarding the Vietnam peace negotiations.

2. The White House wants to review carefully the statements which <u>Ambassadors Farland and Keating</u> will make when called before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

3. State noted that <u>RFE/RL</u> will be covered by the Continuing Resolution until 22 February and that legislation on the future of the Radios was now being taken up in conference on the Hill.

In this connection there was considerable discussion about problems being created by Senator Clifford Case, and Mr. Abshire asked if Mr. Helms couldn't invite him out to the Agency--without John Marks--and try to pacify him. I said I thought the White House was in a better position to take on this job and General Haig suggested the President himself might extend the olive branch. Mr. Korologos protested that if the President was friendly toward Case after all the mischief he had caused the Administration, this would antagonize Administration supporters in Congress who had received no similar favors. I suggested that since Clark MacGregor was not present, we agree that he was the man to handle Senator Case, and Haig said he would follow up on this.

4. Political problems of the <u>Azores Agreement</u> were discussed.

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5. Fear was expressed that the details of the ███████████ <u>Agreement</u> might leak and stir up trouble in the Foreign Relations Committee.

6. On the <u>Mansfield</u> proposal to cut our NATO forces, Korologos speculated that since the President's speech had taken some of the steam out of the "date certain" issue, Mansfield could be expected to concentrate his attention on the NATO matter. Haig said this could create a very serious problem, noting that our contribution to NATO

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could have major impact on broader European questions, particularly concerning our efforts to promote European economic harmony.

7. The agenda included an item on "Hearings on CIA" and Haig asked about the Director's appearance before the Senate Armed Services Committee on 27 January. I said this was billed as an intelligence briefing but questions on other matters might arise. Several questions were asked about the arrangements for funding the Thai battalions and the handling of the Agency's budget. In conclusion, Korologos asked me to let him know how things went with Armed Services on the 27th.

8. Other items discussed were Athens Homeporting of the 6th Fleet, the Panama Canal, the Case bill (we will receive a State Department paper for comment), War Powers (State will draft a strategy paper), and Debriefing of Codels (State will draft a policy guide for future reference).

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